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AN EXPENSIVE TRAIN.

A RUSSIAN STORY.

At the thime when the first open court of law was established in Russia, a lady, dressed with the utmost elegance, was walking on the Moscow promenade, leaning upon her husband's arm, and letting the long train of her rich dress sweep the dust and dirt of the street.

A young officer, coming hastily from a side street, was so careless as to catch one of his spurs in the lady's train, and in an instant a great piece was torn out of the costly but frail material of the dress.

"I beg a thousand pardons, madam," said the officer, with a polite bow, and then was about passing on, when he was detained by the lady's husband.

"You have insulted my wife." "Nothing was further from my intention,

sir. Your wife's long dress is to blame for the accident, which I sincerely regret, and I beg you once more to receive my apologies for any carelessness on my part." Thereupon he attempted to hasten on. "You shall not escape so," said the lady

with her head thrown back in a spirited way. "To-day is the first time I have worn this dress, and it cost me two hundred rubles, which you must make good." "My dear madam, I beg you not to detain me. I am obliged to go on duty at once. As to the two hundred rubles-I really cannot help the length of your dress, yet I beg your pardon for not having been mere cautious."

"You shall not stir, sir. That you are obliged to go on duty is nothing to us. My wife is right; the dress must be made

The officer's face grew pale.

"You force me to break through the rules of the service, and I shall receive runishment.'

"Pay the two hundred rubles and you are free.'

The quickly changing color in the young man's face betrayed how inwardly disturbed be was; but stepping close to them both, he said with apparent self-command:

"You will renounce your claim when I tell you that I am a-a-poor man, who has nothing to live on but his officer's pay, and the amount of that pay hardly reaches the sum of two hundred rubles in a whole year. I can, therefore, make no amends for the misfortune, except by again begging your pardon.

"Oh! anybody could say all that; but we'll see if it's true; we'll find out if you have nothing but your pay. I declare myself not satisfied with your excuses, and I demand my money," persisted the lady, in the hard voice of a thoroughly unfeeling

"That is true-you are right," the husband adde !, dutifully supporting her. "By good luck we have the open court now in session. Go with us before the judge and he will decide the matter."

All further protestations on the officer's part that he was poor, that he was expected on duty, and so forth, did not help matters. Out of respect for his uniform, and to avoid an open scene, he had to go with them to the court room, where the gallery was densely packed with a crowd of people.

After waiting some time the lady had leave to bring her complaint.

"What have you to answer to this complaint?" said the judge, turning to the officer, who seemed embarrassed and half in despair. "On the whole, very little. As the

lateness of the hour, and being required on duty, e mpelled me to hurry, I did not notice this lady's train which was dragging on the ground. I caught one of my spurs in it, and had the misfortune to tear the dress. Madam would not receive my excuses, but perhaps now she might find herself more disposed to forgiveness, when I again declare, so help me God, that I committed this awkward blunder without any mischievous intention, and I earnestly husband responded, promptly. beg that she will pardon me."

A murmur ran through the gallery, the defendant, and against long trains in dred." general and the lady in particular.

The judge called to order, and asked: 'Are you satisfied with the defendant's the audience. explanation?"

"Not at all satisfied. I demand two hundred rubles in payment for my torn dress.'

is all I have to live on.' "You hear, complainant, that the defen-

An unbroken stillness reigned throughout the hall, and the young officers breath could be heard coming hard.

"I wish it to stand. The law shall give me my rights."

the rushing of water. "Consider, complainant, the consequences

of your demand. The defendant can be punished only through being deprived of his personal liberty, and by that you could obtain no satisfaction, while to the defendant it might prove the greatest injury in his rank and position as an officer who is poor and dependent upon his pay. Do you still [May 16, 1872. insist upon your complaint?"

"I still insist upon it." The course the affair was taking seemed to have become painful to the lady's husband. He spoke with his wife urgently, whitewashing to be done dis spring. Yes, to be dead, was laid on ice, but he awoke but, as could be seen by the way she held indeed, honey, times is gwan to be red hot and startled his watchers by yelling, "Why up her head and the energy with which she arter awhile."- Cincinnati Enquirer.

shook it, quite uselessly. The judge was just going on to further consideration of the case, when a loud voice was heard from the audience:

"I will place the two hundred rubles at the service of the defendant."

gentleman forced his way through the Dot vas a lie! De proof of de eating, vas crowd and placed himself by the young in the pudding: I am married tventy officer's side.

"Sir, I am the Prince W., and beg you two hundred rubles in question."

"Prince, I am not worthy of your kindness, for I don't know if I shall ever be able to pay the loan," answered the young man, in a voice tremulous with emotion. "Take the money, at all events. I can

wait until you are able to return it." Thereupon the prince held out two notes of a hundred rubles each and coming close up to him, whispered a few words very softly. There was a sudden lighting up of rupted all to pieces. Dey send for de Docthe officer's face. He immediately took tor; und vhen de Doctor comes de man the two notes, and, turning toward the lady | dies. Den dot vomans vas opliged to marry handed there to her with a polite bow.

"I hope, madam, you are satisfied." With a malicious smile she reached out her hand for the money.

"Yes, now I am satisfied." of spectators, she drepared to leave the dead a little. court-room on her husband's arm.

firm and confident manner. "What do you want?" The look that the young woman cast upon him was insulting as possible.

slight but still pefectly polite bow. "Give me your address and I will it to you."

A shout of approbation came from the

"Order!" cried the judge.

"I have nothing to do with you sir, in vould got home. this matter, but only with the complainant. Be so good madam, as to give me the dress a little talk about sometings; und de next rolled to one side of the oil men, and one immediately. I am in a great hurry; my day I says to Brown, "Look here vonst! for him. This did not suit him. "How's affairs are urgent, and I cannot wait a My vife she makes sausages, und vorks in dish?" says he. "I think I was to get moment longer.

hurry, and send you the dress as soon as divide not equally any more dot profits."

that dress," said the officer, raising his dershtanding apout somethings, in which The judge, thus appealed to, decided

obliged to hand him over the dress on the or sumetings. Den de firm of Bender &

these people, and go home without any vife she helps in the shtore. His vife goes anger and tears.

"You should have thought of that sooner. Now you have no time to lose. Either give up the dress of your, own accord, or-" A nod that could not be misinterpreted brought to the lady's side two officers of Brown, he goes 'round dot shtreets mit his and many times driven back home and unjustice, who seemed about to take upon themselves the office of the lady's maid.

"Take your money back, and leave me my dress.' "Oh, no, madam; that dress is now

worth more than two hundred rubles to

"How much do you ask for it?" "Two thousand rubles," said the officer,

"I will pay the sum," the weeping lady's here five hundred rubles. Give me pen and paper and I will write an order upon evidently from the people taking sides with | my banker for the remaining fifteen hun-

After he had written the draft the worthy pair withdrew, amidst hisses from

An old darkey of 62, tired of longer leading a life of single blessedness, hobbled up to "I would have paid it long before this the marriage license clerk's desk the other had I been in a position to do so. Unfor- day, and said: "Is dis whar yer gifts der tunately, I am poor. My pay as and officer | lisums fer ter marry?" "This is the place." "How much is dey apiece? "Seventy-five ens up?" cents." "Lord, honey, I isn't got dat much "Yass, dant is not able to pay the sum you demand | money." "Then I can't let you have a liof him. Do you still wish the complaint cense." "Say, boss, times is hard, an' dis case is pressin.' Couldn't yer trust me for a couple of weeks till de white wash season commence?" "No, sir; we don't do a credit at this desk, "Jist for a day or two?" "Nary day," was the heartless rejoinder, and the poor old darkey hobbled There ran through the rows of people a away. Yesterday he again knocked at the murmur of indignation that sounded like outposts of Hymen's temple with the necessary 75 cents tied up in the corner of a garden more as der sefen dimes inch.' red bandana hand-kerchief. "Dese is monsos hard times, boss, an' ef my credit wasn't pooty good I'd never been able to hev borred all dis heah money ter wonst." The license was made out in due form and handed to him, and then the clerk said : "If that's all the money you have got how are you going to support your wife?" "Well, de fact am dat de lady am got a room all furnished nice, an' we'll just off your vest down! mosey 'long till diss 'election trubble is ober, am' den der'll be a powahful site of

VAS BENDER HENSPECKED.

Any shentlemen vot vill go round pehind your face, and talk in front of your back apont sometings, vas a shvindler. I heared dot Brown says veek pefore next There followed a silence, during which a apout me I vas a henshpecked huspand. year already, und I vas yet not pald headed. "Sir, I am the Prince W., and beg you I don't vas oonder some pettygoats gofern-will oblige me by accepting the loan of the ments; shtill I tinks it vas better if a fellow vill insult mit his vife und got her advices apout sometings or uder.

Dem American vomans don't know some tings nefer apout his huspant's peesness, und vhen den hart times comes, und not so much money comes in de house, dot makes | market." not some tifference mit her. Shtill she moost have von of dot pull-back-in de-front hoop-skirt petty goats, mit every kind trimmings. Pooty soon dot huspant gets pankemit anoder mans vot she don't maype like mit four or six shildrens, on account of his first vife already, and possobably vone or two mudders-in-law,-vone second-handed, und de oder a shtep mudder-out law. Den With a scornful glance over the crowd she says mit herself, "I eten vish dot I vas

Now if a Chermans goes dead, dot don't "Stop, madam," said the officer, who had make a pit of tifference. Nopody vould suddenly become like another man, with a bardly know it, except maybe himself. His vife goes mit de peeness on shust like notings has happened to somepody.

American vomans and Cherman vomans others.' vas a tifferent kind of peobles. For in-"I want my dress," he answered, with a shtinet, last year dot same feller, Mr. Brown, goes mit me in de putcher peesness togeder. He vas American man, -so vas "Oh, no, my dear madam, I am in the bles got the panic pooty bad, dot vomans proved to be a pretty good one, and-the habit of taking my purchases with me at comes to her huspant uned says she moost farmer began to think that the oil men once. Favor me with the dress im- have mony. Den she goes out riding mit | should give him a better chance, and ven-

a carriages. Vonce on a time, Brown says to me, "What an insane demand!" said the pecause his vife tells him, blease don't do lady's husband. "My wife cannot undress dot. Den he sits down on his pack mit de

moost go vork in de shtore und cut peef-"Do not jest any more about it. I will shteaks, and make saurkraut, or else ye

reprentive of the law my own property- mit Brown around, und ve had a misuneferypody took a part, inclinding my little dog Kasier. Pooty soon up comes a policesmans und arrests us for breedches of promise "The officer is right, madam. You are to keep de pieces, und assaulting de battery, Brown vas proke up. I go apout my pees-"I can't undress myself here before all ness, und Brown goes mit his peesness. My she vas by de theater.

more higher as two kites, py Chiminy. My from my house to the creek bottom for a hands out of his pockets, und he don't got hitched the horses and the sled would not a cent to his back.

Fritz's Troubles.

Fritz had mooe trouble with his neighbor. This time he determined to appeal to the majesty of the law and accordingly

consulted a legal gentleman. 'How vas does tings?' he said. 'Vell, veller's got a garden, und der odder vellar got some schikens eat 'em up. Don't von got some law for dot."

'Some one's chickens have been destroying your garden?' asked the lawyer. 'Straw in my garden! Nein, it vas vege-

'And the chicks committed depredations

'Ish dot so?' asked Fritz, in astonish 'And you want to sue him for damages,

continued the lawyer. 'Yass. Vant tamages, and der gabbages, und der lettucess. 'Did you notify him to keep his chick-

"Yass, I did notify him."

'And what did he say ?' 'He notify me to go und vipe mine shin off down mine vest.' 'And he refused to comply with your

ust demand?' 'Hey?' 'He allowed his chickens to run at large?

'Yaas. Some vas large und some vas leedle vallares, but dey dos scratch mine 'Well, you want to sue him?' 'Yaas, I vant sue him to make you plank fence up sixdeen feed his house all aroundt,

vot der schickens don'd got ofer.'

The lawyer informed him that he could not compel I im to build such a fence, and Fritz left in a range, exclaiming : 'Next summer time I raise me schickens, too, you bate! I raise fiden schickens. Vipe

A Yankee in a trance, who was supposed don't you keep up a better fire?"

Model Advertisements.

"Two young women want washing." "Teeth extracted with great pains." "Babies taken and finished in ten minutes by a country photographer.'

And what does this mean? "Business chance-To be diposed ofgenuine fried fish business at the West

Does the genuineness apply to the fish the business, or to the way in which they are fried?

And one's mind gets hopelessly dazed over the advertisement offering a large reward for "A large Spanish blue gentleman's cloak lost in the neighborhood of the face, but there will be some variation in

There are others deliciously inconsequent, like the advertisement of a runaway which furnished this valuable hint brilliant colors. for identification:

"Age is not precisely known, but looks older than he is.' Or the notice a shoemaker put on his

"Shall be back in ten days from the time you see this shingle." Some, however, leave no loophole for

"Babies, after having taken one bottle of my soothing syrup, will never cry any

"No person having one tried one of these air-tight coffins will never use any

And an editor, puffing air-tight coffins,

Eight More as Dwelve.

A farmer let his lands to an oil company last spring, on condition of receiving one his vife. Vell, many time when efery peo- eighth of the oil produced. The well tured to tell them so. They asked him what he wanted. He said they ought to "Bender, I vouldn't be henshpecked." So give him one-twelfth. The agreement was of kid over the stems to keep the moisture he vent off und got himself tight-shust | finally made, with the understanding that | from soiling the gloves. the farmer was not to tell any one. All went smooth until the next division day floor, und if I am not dere dot he never came, when our-friend was early at hand to see how much better he would be off un- blue make the prettiest indoor dress for Vell, dot night, me und my vife, ve had der the new bargain. Eleven barrels were dot shtore; also my taughter she vorks py more as before. By jinks you make mis-The pleasure of the audience at the the shtore und makes head skeeses; und take!" The matters were explained to expense of the lady increased with every your vife vas going riding all de times mit him, that he formerly got one barrel of word, until it was hard to enforce any ap- de horses-car, und a patent-tied pack cardi- every eight, but it was his own proposition proach to quiet, so that either party could nal shtriped shtockings. Now your vife to only take one of every twelve. This panied by one gros grains of similar color. revelation took him aback. He scratched his head, looked cross, and relieved his swelling breast of feelings of self-reproach Vell, Brown, goes home und he tells his by indignantly remarking; "Well, dat ish "I am not jesting, I demand from the vife apout dot. Den she comes pooty quick de first time as ever I know'd eight was more as dwelve."

The Land of Texas.

A Texan, visiting this point, gathered around him some of our old citizens Monday, and entertained them with some of his experiences in the Lone State. One inci-

dent told by him in as follows: "You'd hardly believe, now, what I am going to tell. In Texas we use raw-hide weather they do stretch amazingly. Why, thing hen. Vot's de gonsequences; Along comes often in cool damp weather at home I've dot Centennial panic. Dot knocks Brown hit hed up two horses and drove down hill income vas shtill more as my outcome. But sled load of wood. I have loaded the wood

"How did you get the wood home then?"

asked an inquisitive bystander. "Oh, I just tied the ends of the traces together and threw them over a post, went knocking about my work and waited until the sun shone out. Sometimes it would be more than two hours before that sled load would get home, but you'd see her crawling up the hill at last gradually approaching as the raw-hide traces shrunk up to their proper lengths. Yes, Texas is a great country, you bet.'

A Grave Mistake. As a resident of Woodward avenue stood at his gate yesterday morning, a boy about thirteen years old came along with a snow- burning.

shovel on his arm. "Ha! boy-come here-want a job?" called the gentleman.

"Sir!" answered the boy with great "Pitch the snow off my walk and I'll give

you a quarter," continued the Avenuer. "You don't know me," said the lad as he marched on. "I am on my way to clear the walks in front of father's fourteen lots up here. All our eighteen horses are lame. and our gold-mounted snow-plow is out of order, or you wouldn't see me carrying this git married and hav yure own mother-inshovel around. I'm offering five dollars law. to any one who will carry it up as far as Parsons street.—Free Press.

'Dare's gwine to be wah,' remarked colored citizen, 'an' all ye niggahs mout jes's will git ready for active business." Which side shall we take?' asked one of his harrers. 'You niggahs can take jes' what side yer please; I'se gwine to take de Canada side.

A German looked up at the sky, and remarked: "I guess a leedle it will rain somedime pooty queek." "Yees do, eh?" replied an Irishman. "What business have vees too purtend to know about Ameriken weather, ye furriner?"

she uses two rolling pins, one for the pie finally said: "He winnownd her into crust and the other for her husband's head. Paradise with a fence rail."

Fashion Notes.

The silk importations will be smaller than they have been for years.

Blue, brown, dark steel and smoke shade are the prevailing colors in gros

Chip bonnets of ecru shades will continue in vogue.

Plush stripes an inch wide with armure stripes between are novelties in gauzes for evening dresses.

Persian and India gauzes are worn as scarfs and draperies over princesse dresses. Bonnet fronts will all be close to the

A new fancy silk is a plain ground nearly concealed by tiny points or dots of many

Colored grenadines will be much worn this summer.

Lacing will take the place of buttons on evening dresses. Monogram buttons are used for kid

Many flowers will be used for millinery decorations. The high gloss of taffets silks makes them

unpopular, but they are the most serviceable and cool. The fashienable color for spring will be

Gloves for evening wear are of light

color and laced on the outside of the arm.

Etrusean styles take the advance in gold orpaments. A stylish ball dress must have a peacock

Lockets have completely driven brooches out of fashion.

Leaf patterns are the most stylish in Properly made bouquets have a covering

A striking combination for evening dresses is made with cardinal and blue.

Fawn colored cashmeres piped with pale

Very bright colors softened by graver ones is a novelty in Persian silks. In bonnets, silk crowns will match the

costume and the fronts will be of satinfinished straw or fancy braids. Evening silks are brocaded and accom-

Flowered lawns with border trimming are coming into fashion again. Empress Eugenie flourishes a cane on

her promenade. Five cents' worth of gum arabic dissolved in a very little hot water and left to stand over night in enough alcohol to make it thin, will make hair remain crimped. It

Little Things.

A kross word iz a little thing, but it iz

what stirs up the elephant. A kind word iz a little thing, but it iz dress on," said the young woman, with riding mit de horses-cars, und efery nights straps, or thongs, for traces, and in wet just what soothed the sorrows ov the set-

> An orange peel on the sikewalk iz a little thing, but it haz upset menny a giant. An oath iz a little thing, but it iz rekorked in the great ledger in Heaven.

A serpent's fang iz a little thing, but death iz its viktory. A baby iz a little wee thing, but a con-

stable waz once a baby.

universe with trubble.

sends the school-boy home howling. A star iz a little thing, but it kan hold this grate world in its arms. The tung iz a little thing, but it fills the

A hornet's sting is a little thing, but it

An egg iz a little thing, but the huge krokerdile kreeps into life out uv it. A kiss iz a very little thing, but it betrayed the Son ov God into the hands ov

A spark iz a little thing' but it can light the poor man's pipe, or set the world to

The akorn iz a little thing, but the blak bear and hiz family live in the oak that springs from it. A word is a little thing, yet one word

haz been menny a man's destiny, for good A penny iz a very little thing, but the interest on it from the days ov Cain and

Abel, would buy out the globe.

A minute iz a little thing, but it iz long enough to pull a dozen aking teeth; or to

A lap dog iz a little thing, but he iz a very silly thing besides. Life iz made up ov little things. Life itself iz but a little thing; one breath less,

then comes the phuneral.-Josh Billings. "The sentence of the Court is," said Judge Porter, a popular Irish magistrate. to a notorious drunkard, "that you be confined in jail for the longest period the law will allow; and I hope you will spend the time in cursing whisky." "Be jabers,

A Western lawyer who was defending a man on trial for wife murder, sought for some euphonious and innocent phrase with A New Jersey woman is so cleanly that | which to describe his client's crime, and

I will, and Porter, too," was the answer.